

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT
COUNCIL 9 PAINTING INDUSTRY :
INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUNDS,

Plaintiff, :

ANSWER

-against- :

07 CIV 8620 (Robinson, J.)

SERGI'S IMAGES, INC., :
Defendant.

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1. The Defendant, Sergi's Images, Inc. ("Sergi's"), by its attorneys, Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP, as and for its Answer to the Subject Complaint, sets forth the following: "Employer" is intended to mean Sergi's.
2. Denies the allegations of Paragraph 10 of the Subject Complaint.
3. Neither admits nor denies the allegations of Paragraph 11 of the Subject Complaint, and instead respectfully refers the Court to the document(s) in question, the terms of which speak for themselves.
4. Denies the allegations of Paragraph 12 of the Subject Complaint.
5. Neither admits nor denies the allegations of Paragraph 13 of the Subject Complaint, and instead respectfully refers the Court to the document(s) in question, the terms of which speak for themselves.
6. Denies the allegations of Paragraphs 14 and 15 of the Subject Complaint
7. Neither admits nor denies the allegations of Paragraph 16 of the Subject Complaint, and instead respectfully refers the Court to the document(s) in question, the terms of which speak for themselves.

8. Denies the allegations of Paragraph 17 of the Subject Complaint.
9. With respect to the allegations of Paragraph 18 of the Subject Complaint, Defendant repeats and realleges each and every response set forth herein to each paragraph set forth therein as though now set forth and repeated at length.
10. Neither admits nor denies the allegations of Paragraphs 19-22 of the Subject Complaint, as they are not allegations of fact, but rather constitute legal conclusions.
11. Denies the allegations of Paragraphs 23 -25 of the Subject Complaint.

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

12. Accord and Satisfaction.

AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

17. Estoppel.

AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

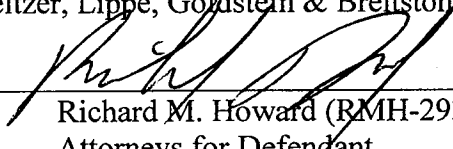
18. In the absence of a written agreement, payments may not be lawfully made to an employee benefit fund.

Wherefore, it is respectfully requested that the Subject Complaint be dismissed in its entirety and that the Defendant be awarded such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: Mineola, New York
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